

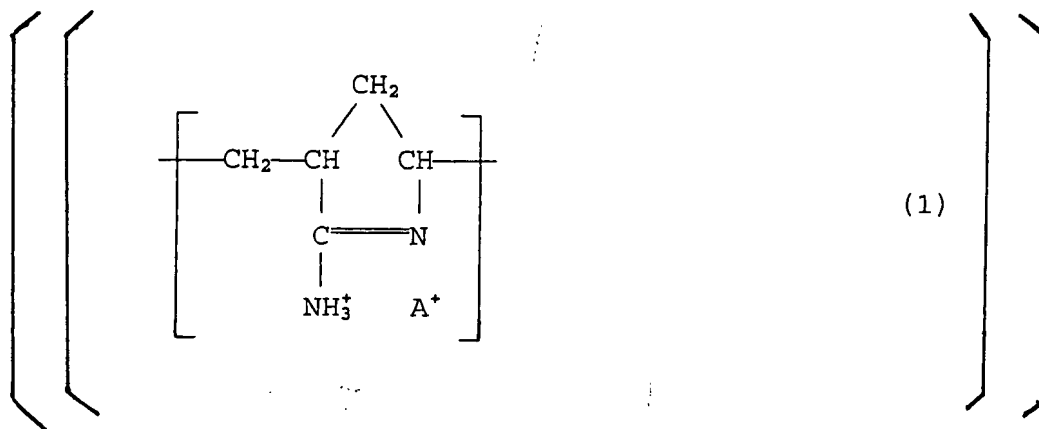
IN THE CLAIMS:

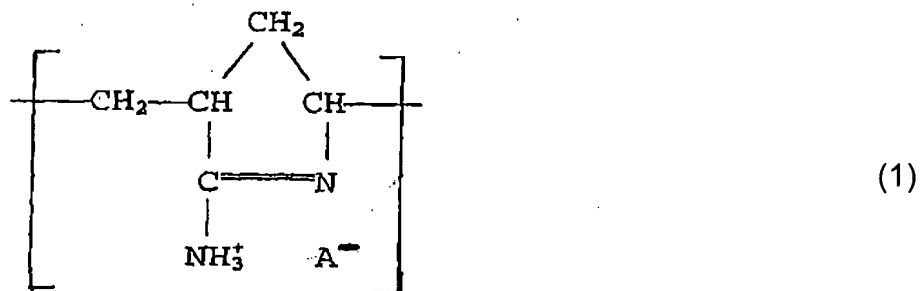
Claims 1-9 (Canceled):

Claim 10 (Currently amended): An ink jet recording sheet comprising a substrate sheet and at least one ink receiving layer formed on at least one surface of the substrate sheet, said ink receiving layer formed from a coating liquid containing the aqueous dispersion of silica pigment-cationic resin composite fine particles dispersed in an aqueous medium, and a binder

wherein

the solid particles comprising silica pigment-cationic resin composite fine particles which are a pulverization product of agglomerates of a cationic resin comprising cationic polymerization units having a five-membered cyclic amidine structure of the formula (1):





in which formula (1), A⁻ represent an anion, with silica pigment particles having an average primary particle size of 3 to 40 nm, and the resultant silica pigment-cation resin composite fine particles having an average secondary particle size controlled within the range of from 10 nm to 1.0 μm, during the pulverization, whereby the resultant ink receiving enable ink images recorded on the ink receiving layer by an aqueous ink jet printer to exhibit substantially no blotting of the ink after the ink images-recorded ink jet recording sheet is stored in an environmental testing room at a temperature of 35 °C at a relative humidity of 85% for 2 days.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The ink jet recording sheet as claimed in claim 10, wherein the cationic resin comprises 20 to 90 molar% of the cationic polymerization units having a five-membered cyclic amidine structure of the formula (1) and 10 to 80 molar% of a polymerization units of the general formula (2):



in which formula (2), X represents a member selected from the group consisting of a cyano group, amine hydrochloride groups and a formamide group.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The ink jet recording sheet as claimed in claim 11, wherein the cationic polymerization units of the formula (1) and the polymerization units of the formula (2) are present in a molar ratio in the range of from 10:1 to 1:3.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The ink jet recording sheet as claimed in any one of claims 10 to 12, wherein the cationic resin has a weight average molecular weight of 10,000 or more.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The ink jet recording sheet as claimed in any one of claims 10 to 12, wherein, in the silica pigment-cationic resin composite fine particles, the silica pigment and the cationic resin are present in a mass ratio in the range of from 100:1

to 100:30.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The ink jet recording sheet as claimed in any one of claims 10 to 12, wherein the average secondary particle size of the silica pigment-cationic resin composite fine particles is in the range of from 10 nm to 0.5 μm .

Claim 16 (previously presented): The ink jet recording sheet as claimed in any one of claims 10 to 12, wherein the silica pigment comprises fumed silica particles having a specific surface area of 180 to 380 m^2/g .